

## *The 'god' Connection: Then and Now*

### **Then:**

**Ashtaroht** (I Samuel 7:4) - Canaanite mother goddess of love and fertility

**Chemosh** -( Judges 11:24) national diety of Moabites;

children also passed through the fire

**Diana** -(or **Artemis**) (Acts 19:23-27)- a household idol of Ephesus,  
nature goddess and protectress of youth, especially females;  
a virgin goddess who assisted at childbirth

**Molech** - meaning, 'to ascend the throne' - (Lev. 18:21; 2 Kings 23:10) -  
an Ammonite deity honored by the sacrifice of children, in which  
they were caused to pass through or into the fire.

**Baal** - master or possessor - "They have built also the high places of Baal, to  
burn their sons as offering to Baal" (Jeremiah 19:5)

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### **Now:**

**Artemis** - see The Sacrament of Abortion by Ginnette Paris, a witch in France, who  
calls abortion: " a sacrifice to Artemis, who refuses to give life if the gift  
is not pure" (that is innocent or preborn life)

**Isis and Aphrodite** - Ms. magazine, Dec, 1985 - "feminist spirituality"

**Lilith** - although lilith originated as a demon, she means many things to modern  
people: goddess, demoness, role model, archetype, and more. to your typical  
neopagan, she is a goddess. to a feminist jew, she is a role model. to others with more  
traditional beliefs, such as an orthodox jew, she remains a demon. yet whatever role  
she plays in one's belief system, she is powerful, charismatic, and compelling. no  
wonder people have believed in her for over 2000 years. She promised to seek  
vengeance on women and children during birth. Today Lilith has been adopted by .  
. . those with a feminist angle. Their main focus is upon Lilith's choice to fly from  
paradise, and even suffer the death of hundreds of Her children, rather than live  
under submission to Adam. She is female defiance and strength. *Lilith Fair, 1999 is  
directing a portion of their profits to Planned Parenthood.*

**Diana** - Wiccan covens worship her -

example: Aware Women Center for Choice, founder and owner:

"My religion is a holy ritual child sacrifice" (Wicca); see also Laurie Cabot's  
book, Power of the Witch, 'The current women's movement has inspired  
much of the political activism that some covens engage in..radical feminism,  
including lesbianism, has found a place in Dianic covens.."

**Jezebel** - the corrupting influence of witchcraft (I Kings 18:19) -

The Church at Thyratira was rebuked for their spirit of "toleration"  
of "that woman Jezebel who calls herself a prophetess..and leads my  
bond servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality.."